Routes dispersal guidelines

191. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of route dispersal guidelines issued by Government for better regulation of air transport services of different regions of the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the air routes have been categorised; and

(c) whether all the private airlines are complying with the air routes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) In terms of the Route Dispersal Guidelines, all scheduled airlines are required to deploy at least 10% of the capacity deployed by them on trunk routes (*i.e.* Category I routes) on the routes to North-Eastern States, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep (Category II routes). 10% of the capacity so deployed on Category II routes, is to be deployed for connectivity within these regions.

The operator is also required to deploy in Category III, at least 50% of the capacity deployed on routes in Category I.

All scheduled operators who operate on Category I routes meet the requirements of route dispersal guidelines.

Cancellation of flights due to bad weather

†192. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of flights of Indian Airlines, Air India and private airlines cancelled due to bad weather during the last two months, i.e. December, 2005 and January, 2006;

(b) whether it is a fact that there was no improvement in the situation despite installation of equipments for tackling the said situations;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of airports in the country having the said facility;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.